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So That the People Will Know

AT the joint meeting last evening of committees appointed for the big banquet next Tuesday evening

at the Opera House all arrangements were completed. This interesting banquet will be for men and women, those who have been in this section of the country for many years and those who have arrived in recent years. Wives bring your husbands; husbands bring your wives. The business men want every one to help celebrate Alliance's 25th birthday. The best program ever given in Alliance has been arranged. The best orators in western Nebraska will speak. Anyone who lives in western Nebraska is invited to come. The price of tickets is \$1.25 for those who live in Alliance and \$1.00 for outsiders. For tickets notify W. D. Rumer; A. D. Rodgers, phone 54; or L. H. Highland, phone 56.

POSTOFFICE PRIMARY

Endorsed by Hon. W. J. Taylor, Who was Democratic Candidate for Congress

HOW ABOUT ALLIANCE

If there is one thing more than any other in politics that The Herald has stood for under the present editorship, it is government by the people, rather than by political bosses and machine politicians. And this is what the democratic party stands for. We are aware that some life-long republicans have suddenly become converted to the democratic principles of extension of civil service reform and popular election of federal office holders, merely that they may extend their tenure of office or exert a controlling influence in the selection of their successors; but this fact ought not to deter those democrats who are charged with the administration of the government from taking such progressive steps in the appointment of officials under the new administration as may be consistent with the rights of those who have fought and helped to win the battles of democracy.

not desiring a way more representative. I must repeat, the only law on this says that the president shall appoint, but how do you reckon he can tell who to appoint in the thousands of different places? He appoints whoever comes with the best recommendation. Ought not a recommendation direct from the patrons of an office (secured by an election, well advertised and fairly conducted) carry more weight than one from one resident and several non-resident politicians? And have we not good reason for believing so, with a progressive president, a progressive party and progressive times? Politicians are, as a rule, not very favorable to this new way, it deprives them of an opportunity to prove an old fiction, that they carry precincts, counties and states in their vest pockets. Such fellows are living in the past. The people are tired of bosses and machines. We have arranged for an election in Merna, Saturday afternoon, February 15, at from 2 to 6 o'clock in the pump house. Five democrats joined in this call (it is not good policy to leave or confine this to a precinct or county chairman, for too often these are the very fellows who think they own the postmaster) and made all the arrangements for the election. We will have two judges and two clerks. The men were of such reputation that no kicker or defeated candidate will be heard to say after election, the election was unfair. The candidates are required to pay to one of the selected judges \$2 filing fee, with which to pay the trifling election expenses. This fee must be paid by February 12th, in time for the printer to print the ballots. The election will be conducted as nearly as possible in conformity with the general election laws. Then the election officers will make oath to a statement showing that the election was well advertised and fairly conducted and that one certain democrat, Mr. —, received the most votes. Every patron of the office, who is a legal voter, can vote. No ballot will be counted for any other than a democrat.

The winning one is required to send copies of this affirmation to such men in the party as he believes can help him, with the request that they endorse him and his method of election. If any refuse, he is to publish such fact in our local paper. Some politicians say they will not endorse a man chosen by this fair method. Which recommend do you think will carry the most weight with a progressive president—the recommend of the patrons of the office or the recommend of some non-partisan politician? In some very few instances there might be candidates who would refuse to abide by such method. Yet most men would spurn to take an office from a politician after the people had chosen another. There has come to my positive knowledge a town where the precinct chairman refused to endorse one certain candidate, till he, himself conceived a notion that he too wanted a federal job, and might need this candidate's help, then he endorsed him; and in another instance the precinct man refused to endorse a worthy applicant, he said, because the candidate had, in his paper printed something against one of his relatives. This is the way it has always been done. Self first, public last. How do you like it? There ought to be five good progressive democrats in every town, where a postmaster is soon to be chosen, with enough nerve to call an election. A few fellows who claim to be the whole party in your town will discourage and may ridicule, but go right ahead, the people

will make them look pretty small on election day. And the candidates will get in the game. My endorsement would be of very little value, yet several are after it. But from this on I shall recommend none till the people speak. The spoils may belong to the victor, but I deny that it belongs to the bosses. Let the people rule, this is good democratic doctrine. Very respectfully, W. J. TAYLOR.

ALLIANCE ANNEXES ANOTHER GAME

Another Game Added to List By Alliance Boys When They Defeated Lodgepole

SIDNEY TO PLAY HERE SOON

By winning from Lodgepole by a score of 50 to 3, the Alliance boys again proved to the basket ball enthusiasts of this city that the High School team is in no great danger of losing the championship pennant this year. Although failing to score but one basket, the Lodgepole boys proved that they had good material in the team, and throughout the game put up a good fight. The scoring of the Alliance gymnasium being slightly lower than that to which the Lodgepole boys had been accustomed, put their basket shooting on the "blink", although several good shots came as near the basket as possible without going in. Darnell, who played his usual fast game, led the pace in the basket shooting, and succeeded in throwing

six in the first half. Schafer, aided by the team work of Tully, scored three goals in this half of the game, one pretty one being loudly applauded. After Alliance had scored 24 points there was a long period in which neither team scored, and the first half closed with a basket each from Schafer and Spacht. In the second half Beach was given Tully's place in the forward position. Lodgepole's first point was made when Keegan fouled and Bengston scored his throw. Only two fouls were called by Referee Clements in the game, both offenders being Alliance men. Bengston took Bruner's position as forward in the second half, but the latter was replaced when Barlow suffered an injury to his nose, which was broken in a previous game.

The first and only field goal for the visitors was made by Bengston, who shot from the center of the field. The game closed shortly after Darnell scored and brought the score up to 50 for Alliance. The local team this year is one of the strongest, and has some of the best material, that has ever been in the A. H. S. Under the direction of Mr. Clements the team is winning by large margins, and although beaten at Sidney this year, expect to turn the tables on that team a week from Saturday, at the High School gymnasium.

Following is the lineup of last Saturday's game:

Darnell	center	Pavlat
Tully	right forward	Bruner
Beach		Bengston
Schafer	left forward	Barlow
Spacht	right guard	Kucera
Keegan	left guard	Groves

EDITORS IN MEETING

35 Western Nebraska Editors form Association for This End of State—11 Counties

BIG STEP FORWARD

Realizing the need of an organization among the newspapers of western Nebraska, representatives from the different papers throughout this end of the state met in Alliance Monday afternoon and formed a permanent organization to be known as the Western Nebraska Editorial Association, covering the counties of Sioux, Dawes, Box Butte, Scotts Bluff, Banner, Kimball, Morrill, Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden and Sheridan. The papers which will be represented in the association are Bayard Transcript, Bridgeport Blade, Chadron Journal, Crawford Courier, Crawford Tribune, Gordon Journal, Harrison News, Harrison Sun, Hay Springs Enterprise, Hemingford Journal, Hemingford Farmer & Rancher, Hyannis Tribune, Kimball Observer, Lodgepole Express, Mitchell Index, Mullen Tribune, Morrill Mail, Minatare Free Press, Marsland Tribune, Northport Herald, Rushville Recorder, Rushville Standard, Scottsbluff Star-Herald, Scottsbluff Republican, Gering Courier, Gering Wasp, Sidney Telegraph, Hay Springs News, Broadwater News, Chappel Register, Oshkosh Herald, Lewellen Gazette, Lisico Tribune, Chadron Chronicle, Alliance Herald, Alliance Times.

work of printing the books. Probably not more than 10,000 of the 200,000 voters in the state would ever ask for the books. It would mean practically no publicity for constitutional amendments. A legislative committee was appointed and brought in the following report: We, your committee appointed for the purpose of drawing up a resolution to be brought to the attention of the Nebraska State Legislature, recommend that the following resolution be adopted and forwarded to each paper represented in the organization, and that a copy of this be wired to the representatives and senators from this territory, in order that general publicity may be received. WHEREAS, it has come to our notice that House Bill No. 108, is antagonistic to the press of the state and a direct help to some of the big printing concerns, in its present form will result in only a very small portion of the voters of the state ever reading the amendments, be it RESOLVED that we, the members of the Western Nebraska Editorial Association, do protest against the passage of this bill and that we endorse the passage of Senate Bill No. 202, excepting that we recommend it be amended to state that all amendments be published in at least one paper of general circulation in each town in the state, instead of one paper in each county, in order that every voter may have the opportunity of learning the contents of such amendments.

BONDS CARRY BY 4

Court House Bonds Carry by Small Majority—School House Big Majority

VERY CLOSE ELECTION

The special election on Tuesday resulted in one of the closest votes ever recorded in Box Butte county. A hard contest had been waged by the opposing sides on the court house bonding proposition and, according to the unofficial figures received at The Herald office, which are conceded by the court house bond opponents, the election carried for bonds by four votes. The total vote was 558 for bonds and 554 against.

es the town of Hemingford, polled the largest vote in its history, while the city of Alliance dropped down a good many votes since the election last fall. Following is the tabulated vote:

	Feb. 18, 1913	Nov. 5, 1912		
Yes	No	Yes	No	
First Ward	273	42	326	72
Second Ward	160	23	197	46
Box Butte pres.	12	72	7	82
Boyd	27	5	26	21
Dorsey	5	157	6	139
Lake	53	27	60	40
Liberty	0	63	2	59
Nonpartisan	1	41	0	42
Running Water	2	53	5	55
Snake Creek	1	19	8	32
Wright	18	27	23	33
Totals	558	554	660	644

Louis Williams Entertains

Electrical Wizard Draws Big Crowd to M. E. Church Monday Eve. Louis Williams appeared at the Methodist church Monday evening under the auspices of the Epworth League. He was welcomed by a large crowd, whose attention he held for a couple of hours while he demonstrated to them many of the wonders of electricity and science. He generated explosive gas from water and then turned gases into water. He made electricity in different ways. Demonstrated the workings for wireless telegraphy. Filled a member of the audience with 250,000 volts of electricity and then made laughable experiments with a number of small boys.

BASKET BALL FRIDAY

As will be noted by the bills distributed over town today the A. H. S. basket ball girls will play the Crawford H. S. girls tomorrow evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, at the gym. in the High School building. Games between girls are hard to get, on account of the fact that teams are scarce, and this may be the last one of the season. Admission will be 25 cents for single ticket, or admission by season ticket. Jas. Feagins is building a bath room on to his residence, and making other substantial improvements. O. O. Gettry is doing the carpenter work and E. W. Ray the plumbing. Mrs. Frank McDonald has been quite ill for the past week.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: No. 1.

Name and object. The name of this association shall be, "The Western Nebraska Editorial Association." The object shall be to promote the interests of the newspaper business in western Nebraska. No. 2. Territory. The counties of Kimball, Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden, Morrill, Banner, Scottsbluff, Box Butte, Sheridan, Sioux and St. Louis shall be the territory covered. No. 3. Membership. Any editor, publisher or employee on any paper in all of the above named counties shall be entitled to membership in the association. However, each paper shall be entitled to but one vote. No. 4. Officers. The officers of the association shall be a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. No. 5. Committees. There shall be an executive committee consisting of a president, secretary-treasurer and one member, elected by the association, which committee shall conduct the business of the association, according to their judgment except as instructed by the association. There shall be such other committees as the association may wish. No. 6. Membership fee. The membership fee shall be \$1.50 per year. No. 7. There shall be an annual meeting in February each year, the executive committee to fix the day of the month, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the association. There may be other meetings at the call of the executive committee. No. 8. This constitution or by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those voting at any regular meeting of the association. BY-LAWS. The by-laws for the enforcing of the constitution shall be made by the executive committee.

DAUGHTER OF FLEMING DIES

LaBerna, the little daughter of George Fleming, a prominent Alliance news dealer, died of scarlet fever Friday morning at 10:45. She was taken ill just twenty-four hours before her death and although everything was done that medical aid could do, there was no chance of saving her life. She was a very intelligent little girl and well liked by her teachers and schoolmates. The funeral was held at ten o'clock Saturday morning. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery. The house was filled with many beautiful floral offerings. CARD OF THANKS It is impossible for us to put into mere words the thanks which we have in our hearts for the kind neighbors and friends and the nurse, Miss Scharper, who so kindly assisted us in the sickness and death of our daughter. The many beautiful bouquets of flowers were greatly appreciated. MR. AND MRS. GEO. FLEMING.